led clinical trials have been conducted in this behalf either by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha or by the Indian Council of Medical Research or by the Gujarat Ayurved University.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Deaths due to Rabies in the Country

788. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the alarming rise in cases of rabies in the country resulting in deaths; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb the above menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Deaths due to rabies in the country have remained more or less constant. There is no alarming rise in the death rate due to rabies.

The Ministry of Agriculture have launched a National Canine Rabies Control Programme during VI Five Year Plan. Under this programme, 30 rabies control units have been set up in different States to supplement the control activities undertaken by State Governments and local civic bodies

Clearance of power projects of Tamil Nadu

789. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government has sought the clearance of Cuddalore Thermal Power Project, North Madras Thermal Project stage II and Cuddalore Gas Turbine Unit; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to clear these power projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Project Reports in respect of the installation of a Cuddalore Thermal Power Station (3x210 MW) and North Madras Thermal Power Station Stage-II (2x210 MW) have been received from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB). TNEB had also forwarded a captive proposal of M/s. Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) envisaging setting up of gas turbine plant of 210 MW capacity at Cuddalore. These schemes could be considered for techno-economic clearance after all the requisite inputs such as fuel linkage, availability of water have been tied up and necessary clearances such as clearance from environmental angle have been obtained by the Project authority.

Energy conservation measure by Tata Energy Research Institute

790 SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report by Tata Energy Research institute suggesting energy conservation preasures;

(b) what steps are involved in developing renewable form of energy; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a high level group to evolve and monitor overall energy policy?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.